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Features for Use in an Automatic Clinical )  
Analyzer ) Examiner: Unknown  
Atty Docket No.: DCS-9158 )

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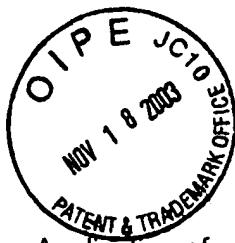
  
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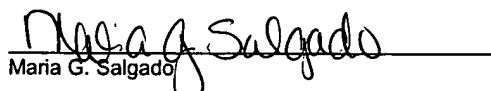
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	A06	6,249,345	19 Jun 2001	Kraack et al.			
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